

United States District Court

for

District of Guam

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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

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MARY L.M. MORAN
CLERK OF COURT

**Report for Modifying the Conditions or Term of Supervision
with Consent of the Offender**
(Probation Form 49, Waiver of Hearings is Attached)

Name of Offender: Herbert Tudela Sablan

Case Number: CR 01-00101-001

Name of Sentencing Judicial Officer: Honorable John S. Unpingco

Date of Original Sentence: February 5, 2002

Original Offense: Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

Original Sentence: 51 month term of imprisonment, followed by a four year term of supervised release with conditions: not commit another federal, state, or local crime; not illegally possess a controlled substance; refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance; submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as directed by the probation officer; not possess a firearm; comply with the standard conditions of probation; refrain from the use of any and all alcoholic beverages; participate in a program approved by the U.S. Probation Office for treatment of narcotic addiction or drug or alcohol dependency, which will include testing for the detection of substance use or abuse; support his dependents and meet other family responsibilities; obtain and maintain gainful employment; and pay a \$100 special assessment fee.

Type of Supervision: Supervised Release Date Supervision: October 25, 2004

PETITIONING THE COURT

- ☐ To extend the term of supervision _____ years, for a total term _____ years.
- ☒ To modify the conditions of supervision as follows:

1. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed eight drug tests per month, as directed by the probation officer.

CAUSE

On September 2, 2005, the Ninth Circuit, in *United States v. Stephens*, No. 04-50170, addressed 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d) supervised release and 18 U.S.C. § 3563(a)(5) probation mandatory testing conditions which requires that the district court determine the maximum number of mandatory drug tests. The Ninth Circuit held that because the statute requires the district court to determine the maximum number of drug tests under the mandatory condition, transferring this duty to the probation officer was an improper delegation of Article III judicial power. To assist the Court in determining the appropriate number of drug tests, the undersigned officer has evaluated the offender's history of drug use, and the drug detection period of his drug of choice. As methamphetamine is the offender's drug of choice and has a normal detection period of four days or less, it is recommended that the maximum number of tests the court order per month be set at eight. This will allow for adequate time intervals between tests which will help facilitate the detection of use. It also provides for enough additional tests so that the pattern of testing will not be predictable to the offender. To address the implications of *United States v. Stephens*, Ninth Circuit No. 04-50170, it is respectfully requested that the Court modify the defendant's mandatory condition to set the maximum number of tests the defendant must submit. It is therefore recommended that the mandatory condition be modified as follows:

"The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed eight tests per month, as directed by the probation officer."

Mr. Sablan has tested consistently negative for drug and alcohol use since the commencement of supervision and is set to successfully complete the year long drug treatment program on October 27, 2005. Since April 11, 2005, he has been gainfully employed with Reliable Builders, Incorporated as a laborer, earning \$8.50 per hour. Mr. Sablan paid his \$100 special assessment fee on March 10, 2003.

Based on the information above, the probation officer respectfully requests that the Court modify the conditions of supervised release, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(2) as outlined above. Attached is Probation Form 49, Waiver of Hearing to Modify Conditions of Probation/Supervised Release or Extend Term of Supervision, with Mr. Sablan's consent to the modification.

Reviewed by:

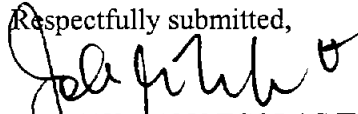

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U.S. Probation Officer
Supervision Unit Leader

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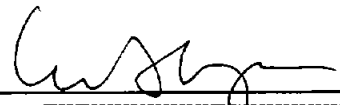
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Respectfully submitted,

by: JOHN W. SAN NICOLAS II
U.S. Probation Officer

Date: 19 Oct 2005

THE COURT ORDERS

- ☐ No Action
- ☐ The Extension of Supervision as Noted Above.
- ☒ The Modification of Conditions as Noted Above.
- ☐ Other


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WILLIAM ALSOP, Designated District Judge
10-24-05
Date

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**Waiver of Hearing to Modify Conditions
of Probation/Supervised Release or Extend Term of Supervision**

I have been advised and understand that I am entitled by law to a hearing and assistance of counsel before any unfavorable change may be made in my Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release or my period of supervision being extended. By "assistance of counsel," I understand that I have the right to be represented at the hearing by counsel of my own choosing if I am able to retain counsel. I also understand that I have the right to request the court to appoint counsel to represent me at such a hearing at no cost to myself if I am not able to retain counsel of my own choosing.

I hereby voluntarily waive my statutory right to a hearing and to assistance of counsel. I also agree to the following modification of my Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release or to the proposed extension of my term of supervision:

1. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed eight tests per month, as directed by the probation officer.

Witness: John W. San Nicolas II
U.S. Probation Officer

Signed: Herbert T. Sablan
Probationer or Supervised Releasee

October 13, 2005

Date